

haps I shall strike an example to show young soldiers how sacred are their duties and how serious is the crime of abandoning their flag for a woman.

23d. Villeneuve joined Gravina off Cadiz on the 10th.

(To Decres.) Keep the event at Cadiz, and the departure of the fleets secret. See that the Dutch gazettes publish that a French fleet has landed 10,000 men in Egypt; that the Admiral manoeuvred very skilfully so as to throw Nelson off the track; that he made a show of passing the straits (of Gibraltar), but that at night he turned back and sailed along the African coast.

24th. (To Cambaceres.) My Cousin: I think the Council of State is not attending sufficiently to our man-u-factures; it is not idealism makes countries prosper-ous.

(To Fouché.) Have some well written articles published deriding the military movements of the Russians, the interview of the Emperor of Russia with the Emperor of Austria, and the absurd reports, phantoms born of the fogs and the spleen of England. Get active, and keep public opinion up. Tell the editors that although I am far away, I still read the papers, and that if they continue on the present tack I shall close their accounts.

(To Marshal Soult.) Let me know whether the horses, the supplies, the men, will all be ready for embarkation in two weeks. Don't reply in terms of metaphysics, but inspect your magazines and depots.

26th. (To Marshal Davout.) Don't let appearances send you to sleep. It may take me two months to travel down to Milan, but only a very few days to get back from Milan to Boulogne.